

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **1.3520 ha** (revised from 1.4614 ha) forest land (FP/TG/OFC/493481/2024) falling through various RFs of Jagitial forest division of Jagitial district for laying of Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited – **In-principle (Stage.I) approval** accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 19

Dated: 25-02-2025
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/118/2022-FCA Section, Dt:25.01.2024.
 2. G.O.Rt.No.108, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., dt.15.07.2024.
 3. From PCCF(HoFF), Telangana, Hyd., Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/118/2022 -FCA Section, Dt:09.08.2024.
 4. From PCCF(HoFF), Telangana, Hyd., Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/27/2022-FCA Section, Dt:12.09.2024.
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ORDER:

In the letter 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal (FP/TG/OFC/433511/2023) along with part-III recommendation for according necessary approval of the project. Accordingly, the State Government vide G.O.Rt.No.108, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dt:15.07.2024, had accorded In-Principle (Stage I) approval and the same was revoked, due to some technical issue in-principal (Stage-1) approval.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has informed that the User Agency had re-submitted new proposal with proposal No. FP/TG/OFC/493481/2024 vide Ir.dt.21.08.2024, for forest clearance to the subject proposal with recommendation in Part-II of the proposal, site inspection report and other relevant documents and uploaded in PARIVESH portal for taking further necessary action in the matter.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India in the letter 1st read above, hereby accord **in-principle(Stage.I) approval** diversion of **1.3520 ha** (revised from 1.4614 ha) forest land FP/TG/OFC/493481/2024 falling through various RFs of Jagitial forest division of Jagitial district for laying of Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, subject to compliance of the following conditions and vide G.O 2nd cited is hereby revoked.

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **Demarcation of the forest land diverted:** The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency and cost for which shall be deposited by the User Agency with the forest department as assessed by the concerned District Forest Officer/ Forest Divisional Officer;
- iii. **Net Present Value:** The project is exempted from payment of NPV as the area proposed for diversion is outside of Protected Area and no tree felling is involved;

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- iv. **Compensatory Afforestation:**“as per the Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)Rules, 2023 issued by GoI, MoEF&CC(FC Division), Dt:29.12.2023 under Rule 13.4(c), the District Forest Officer, jagitial had prepared the CA scheme with total financial outlay of Rs.21.530 lakhs towards compensatory afforestation for raising of plantations over an extent of 2.704 ha(twice the extent of proposed area of diversion 1.3520) in comp.No.583 of Ariskota RF of Kalleda Beat, Sarangapur section of jagitial Range in Jagitial district”.
- v. No tree felling and branch cutting shall be carried out by the User agency;
- vi. User Agency shall fulfill the conditions stipulated in Part II, Part III and Part IV and also covering letters, inspections notes of the proposals;
- vii. The depth of the trench shall not be more than 2 m and width shall not be more than 0.4 m and after laying down of optical fiber cable the ground shall be leveled. The cable line should be laid atleast one meter below the ground;
- viii. Disturbance should be kept minimum by creating labor camps outside the forest areas and it will be responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the laborers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- ix. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xi. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck/ debris will be disposed off in the forest area by the User Agency’
- xii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xiii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;
- xiv. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India as well as State Forest Department/ PCCF(HoFF) may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- xv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **1.3520 ha** and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xvi. The User Agency to make good the land after use/ maintenance;

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- xvii. The User Agency to make good any loss to forests/ environment;
 - xviii. The User Agency should take permission for carrying out any maintenance;
 - xix. Work should be carried out during day time only;
 - xx. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
 - xxi. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal PARIVESH.
 - xxii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
4. This in-principle (Stage-I) approval shall be valid for a period of two years from the date of issue of this G.O. in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, the in-principle (Stage-I) approval shall automatically stand revoked after two years.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad, is therefore, directed to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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